

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, comprising the steps of:

determining a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for a portion of content;

determining a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for the electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a destination for the portion of content;

comparing the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes; and

applying to the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content at ~~the~~ a location within the electronic document.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

determining if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes, based on the first set of format attributes; and

applying the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content based on the second set of format attributes.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of applying the direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set

of format attributes; and

recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, comprising:

a copy module, to be executed at least in part in a computing device, that is logically coupled to a format module, operable to place a portion of content at a destination for the portion of content in the electronic document; and

a format module, to be executed at least in part in a computing device, that is operable to determine a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for the portion of content, further operable to determine a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for the electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises the destination for the portion of content, further operable to compare the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes and further operable to apply to the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to the copy module placing the portion of content at the destination.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the format module is further operable to determine if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes, based on the first set of format attributes, and further operable to apply the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content based on the second set of format attributes.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the format module is further operable to determine a format attribute to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting

attributes, wherein the format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

16. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the format module is further operable to record the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and record the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

17. (Original) A computer-implemented method for determining one or more format attributes for content of an electronic document, comprising the steps of:

determining each of the format attributes associated with a region of content of the electronic document, wherein the region of content comprises a portion of content to be placed in another location of the electronic document;

determining if any of the portion of content to be copied contains direct formatting attributes; and

recording the format attributes and the direct formatting attributes associated with the portion of content.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and pasted in another location of the electronic document.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and pasted in another location of the electronic document.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a paragraph comprising the portion of content.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of content associated with a level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content.

23. (Original) A computer-implemented method for applying direct format attributes to content of an electronic document, comprising the steps of:

determining a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content of the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a portion of content to be copied;

determining a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content of the electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a location into which the portion of content is to be pasted;

determining if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes;

applying the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content based on the first set of format attributes and the second set of format attributes in response to pasting the portion of content at the location.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the step of applying the determined direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a portion of content to be cut from the first region of content instead of copied from the first region of content.

26. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

27. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be

copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

28. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

29. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:
recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and
recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in a first electronic document, comprising the steps of:

determining a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the first electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for a portion of content;

determining a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for a second electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a destination for the portion of content;

comparing the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes; and

applying to the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content at the a location of the second electronic document.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30 further comprising the steps of:
determining if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes, based on the first set of format attributes; and
applying the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content based on the second set of format attributes.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the step of applying the direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut in the first electronic document and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted in the second electronic document.

34. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

35. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied in the first electronic document and the second region of content comprises a second

plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted in the second electronic document.

36. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

37. (Original) The method of claim 30 further comprising the steps of:
recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and
recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage device storing a set of computer-executable instructions implementing a method for applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, comprising the steps of:

determining a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content, wherein the first region of content comprises a portion of content to be placed in another location;

determining a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content, wherein the second region of content comprises the other location, and wherein the other location is in one of the electronic document and another electronic document;

comparing the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes; and

applying to the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content in the other location.

39. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 further comprising the steps of:

determining if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes;

recording the direct formatting attributes; and

applying the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content.

40. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 39 wherein the step of applying the direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

41. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

42. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

43. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

44. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

45. (Original) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 further comprising the steps of:

recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and

recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.